

Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and members of the Judiciary Committee;

I OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416 – AAC Bulk Purchases of Pistols and Revolvers

5416 does nothing to stop rampant and ongoing juvenile crime in CT. We need to reinstate qualified immunity for police officers, adequately fund and equip our state and local police departments. We need to enforce the laws already on the books, start prosecuting juveniles that commit felonies and violent crimes as adults and keep the criminals behind bars and off our streets. ***Stop targeting law abiding citizen's right to defend themselves, their families and their property.***

I also OPPOSE S.B. 16 - An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime

Governor Lamont is clearly out of touch. Roughly 70% of gun offenses in Connecticut today are not prosecuted and the majority of all gun crimes in the state are committed by criminals. Consider for just ONE example of late, And yet he has the audacity to declare that Connecticut has “too many damn guns”?

Now he and democratic lawmakers want once again bring up the old **“stop and frisk” tactic that clearly violates The Constitution** (which, upon taking office, every lawmaker takes an oath to defend) when just last year he called for limiting police engagement! This part of the bill has been defeated ad nauseum as being at risk for profiling. What the heck is he doing?

I also find it offensive that he wants to fund the Statewide Firearms Trafficking Task Force! My gun friends and I have been saying this for years and every year it gets rejected. **Must be an election year.**

Did you know that 2020 and 2021 set records for new legal permit holders all over the country? Yes, these new law-abiding gun owners are all ages, genders, races, sexual orientation and political affiliations. Indeed, Governor Lamont is out of touch.

I SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 – AAC The Defense of a Person or a Person's Dwelling, Place of Work or Motor Vehicle

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AAC The Transfer of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AAC The Duty to Retreat in a Religious House of Worship

Thank you. Melanie Attwater- Young, Montville

